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Poland

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

Polish Border Guard troops and Military Installations in Ratibor [REDACTED]

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prior to 23 November 1953

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REFERENCES

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

MARKS

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1. Prior to November 1953, the former Landespolizei Kaserne on the west side of the former Flur Strasse in the northwestern sector of Ratibor (P 51/Y 05) quartered a Polish WOP (border guard) battalion commanded by a major. The destroyed storage sheds in the northern section of the installation were not reconstructed prior to November 1953. All soldiers permanently quartered in the installation wore green service color. Two company-size units of the battalion were quartered in the installations of the former brickyard opposite the cemetery in Kranstaedt (P 51/X 94) and close to Katscher (P 51/X 85) railroad station. The troops were assigned border guard missions.

2. The old and enlarged building of the former Husaren Kaserne near the Oder River north of the town and directly east of the target ranges housed civilian apartments prior to November 1953.

3. No Polish army units were permanently stationed at Ratibor. Soldiers wearing army uniforms with red service color were frequently quartered in temporary billets in the barracks installation on Flur Strasse for periods of three or four weeks. [REDACTED] persons inducted in October 1953 were required to report in Cosel and from there were dispatched to Ratibor for assignment to several labor units in the Upper Silesian coal district.

Comment. The 43d WOP Bn of the 4th WOP Brig in Gleiwitz is carried in Ratibor and is confirmed by the present report prior to November 1953.

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